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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF MILITARY
DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS."**

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- 1 After the last section, insert the following:
 - 2 "Sec. 11. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2003) The registrars of voters of
 - 3 a municipality may, with the approval of the legislative body of such

4 municipality, apply all revenues received from fees charged for
5 copying documents for the public to the costs of implementing election
6 day voter registration pursuant to sections 12 to 14, inclusive, of this
7 act.

8 Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2003*) (a) As used in this section
9 and section 9-261 of the general statutes, as amended by this act,
10 "election day" means the day on which a regular election, as defined in
11 section 9-1 of the general statutes, is held after the State Elections
12 Enforcement Commission certifies the completion of the state-wide
13 centralized voter registration system to the General Assembly
14 pursuant to section 14 of this act.

15 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 143 of the general
16 statutes, a person who (1) is not an elector and does not have a
17 pending application for admission as elector under said chapter 143,
18 and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a) of
19 section 9-12 of the general statutes, may apply for admission as an
20 elector on election day.

21 (c) Any such application shall be made in accordance with the
22 provisions of section 9-20 of the general statutes, provided (1) the
23 applicant shall appear in person at the office of the registrars of voters
24 on election day, (2) an applicant who is a student enrolled at an
25 institution of higher education may submit a current photo
26 identification card issued by said institution in lieu of the identification
27 required by said section 9-20, and (3) the applicant shall declare under
28 oath that the applicant is not, to the applicant's knowledge, already
29 properly admitted as an elector and has not previously voted in the
30 election. If the information that the applicant is required to provide
31 under section 9-20 of the general statutes and this section does not
32 include proof of the applicant's residential address, the applicant shall
33 also submit a United States passport, a military identification card, a
34 learner's permit or a utility bill that has the applicant's name and
35 current address and is due within thirty days after the election or, in
36 the case of a student enrolled at an institution of higher education, a

37 registration or fee statement from such institution that has the
38 applicant's name and current address. If the registrars determine that
39 an applicant is qualified and admit the applicant as an elector, the
40 registrars shall give the applicant a notice of acceptance which
41 indicates the applicant's voting district and polling place. A notice of
42 acceptance shall be on a form designed to prevent forgery or
43 counterfeiting, as prescribed by the Secretary of the State. The
44 registrars shall check the state-wide centralized voter registration
45 system before admitting an applicant as an elector in order to
46 determine whether the applicant is an elector in another municipality
47 in the state.

48 (d) Not later than seven days after each election day, the registrars
49 of voters shall send a confirmation to the residential address of each
50 applicant who is admitted as an elector on election day under this
51 section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first-class mail with
52 instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the
53 address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation is returned
54 undelivered, the registrars shall refer the matter to the State Elections
55 Enforcement Commission which shall immediately conduct an
56 investigation.

57 Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 9-261 of the general statutes is
58 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
59 *January 1, 2003*):

60 (a) In each primary, election or referendum, when an elector has
61 entered the polling place, [he] the elector shall (1) announce [his] the
62 elector's street address, if any, and [his] the elector's name to the
63 checkers in a tone sufficiently loud and clear as to enable all the
64 election officials present to hear the same, and (2) (A) present to the
65 checkers [his] the elector's Social Security card or any other preprinted
66 form of identification which shows [his] the elector's name and either
67 [his] the elector's address, signature or photograph, or (B) sign a
68 statement under penalty of false statement, on a form prescribed by
69 the Secretary of the State, that [he] the elector is the elector whose

70 name appears on the official checklist. Each of the checkers shall check
71 the name of such elector on the official checklist. In the case of an
72 elector who is admitted on election day under section 12 of this act, the
73 elector shall also present to the moderator the notice of acceptance
74 given to the elector under said section 12, and the moderator shall add
75 the elector's name and address to the official checklist on such day and
76 the elector shall be allowed to vote if otherwise eligible to vote. As
77 used in this section, "election day" has the same meaning as "election
78 day", as defined in section 12 of this act.

79 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2003*) Upon determining that the
80 state-wide centralized voter registration system is fully completed and
81 operational and that all municipalities in the state are participating in
82 said system, the State Elections Enforcement Commission shall certify
83 such completion to the General Assembly.

84 Sec. 15. Section 9-158a of the general statutes is repealed and the
85 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2003, and*
86 *applicable to elections held after the State Elections Enforcement Commission*
87 *makes the certification required under section 14 of this act*):

88 As used in sections 9-139c, 9-140b, 9-158a to 9-158m, inclusive, and
89 9-307:

90 (1) "Federal election" means any general or special election or any
91 primary held solely or in part for the purpose of selecting, nominating
92 or electing any candidate for the office of president, vice president,
93 presidential elector, member of the United States Senate or member of
94 the United States House of Representatives;

95 (2) "Former resident" means a person who was a bona fide resident
96 of a town in this state and who has [removed] moved from that town
97 to another state less than thirty days before the day of a presidential
98 election and who for that reason is unable to register to vote in the
99 election in [his] said person's present [town or] state of residence;

100 (3) "Overseas elector" means any person permitted to vote pursuant

101 to subsection (b) of section 9-158b;

102 (4) "Presidential election" means an election at which electors of
103 President and Vice-President are elected;

104 (5) "Resident" means a bona fide resident of a town in this state;

105 (6) "State" includes any of the several states, the District of
106 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin
107 Islands; and

108 (7) "United States" includes the several states, the District of
109 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin
110 Islands, but does not include American Samoa, The Canal Zone, the
111 trust territory of the Pacific Islands or any other territory or possession
112 of the United States.

113 Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 9-158b of the general statutes is
114 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
115 *January 1, 2003, and applicable to elections held after the State Elections*
116 *Enforcement Commission makes the certification required under section 14 of*
117 *this act*):

118 (a) Each citizen of the United States who is at least eighteen years of
119 age, is a [resident or] former resident and [who] has not forfeited [his]
120 said citizen's electoral privileges because of a disfranchising crime,
121 may vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors, but for no
122 other offices, in the town in this state in which [he resides, or] said
123 citizen formerly resided in the manner provided in sections 9-158c to 9-
124 158m, inclusive, as amended by this act.

125 Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 9-158c of the general statutes is
126 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
127 *January 1, 2003, and applicable to elections held after the State Elections*
128 *Enforcement Commission makes the certification required under section 14 of*
129 *this act*):

130 (a) Not earlier than forty-five days before the election and not later

131 than the close of the polls on election day, each [resident, or] former
132 resident who desires to vote in a presidential election under sections 9-
133 158a to 9-158m, inclusive, as amended by this act, may apply for a
134 "presidential ballot" to the municipal clerk of the town in which [he]
135 said former resident is qualified to vote on the form prescribed in
136 section 9-158d, as amended by this act. Application for a "presidential
137 ballot" may be made in person or absentee, in the manner provided for
138 applying for an absentee ballot under section 9-140, except as provided
139 in said sections 9-158a to 9-158m, inclusive.

140 Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 9-158d of the general statutes is
141 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
142 *January 1, 2003, and applicable to elections held after the State Elections*
143 *Enforcement Commission makes the certification required under section 14 of*
144 *this act*):

145 (a) The application for a presidential ballot shall be a form signed in
146 duplicate by the applicant under penalty of false statement in absentee
147 balloting, which shall provide substantially as follows:

148 To the Town Clerk of the Town of Connecticut

149 I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of false statement in
150 absentee balloting that the following statements are true:

151 1. I am a citizen of the United States.

152 2. I have not forfeited my electoral privileges because of conviction
153 of a disfranchising crime.

154 3. I was born on, and on the day of the next presidential election,
155 I shall be at least 18 years of age. [Check and complete 4 or 5,
156 whichever applies:]

157 [4. RESIDENT. I am a bona fide resident of the above town, to
158 which I am making this application, and I reside at Street. I moved
159 to said town on the day of, 20... Before becoming a resident of
160 said town, I resided at Street, in the Town of County of, State

161 of]

162 [5.] 4. FORMER RESIDENT. I am a former resident of the above
163 town, to which I am making this application, and resided at Street
164 therein. I moved from such town to my present town of residence on
165 the day of ..., 20.., being within thirty days before the date of the
166 next presidential election, and for that reason I cannot register to vote
167 in said presidential election in my present town of residence. I am now
168 a bona fide resident of the Town of ..., in the state of ..., now residing
169 at Street therein.

170 [6.] 5. I hereby apply for a "presidential ballot" for the election to be
171 held on ..., 20... I have not voted and will not vote otherwise than by
172 this ballot at that election. I am not eligible to vote for electors of
173 President and Vice-President [in any other town in Connecticut or] in
174 any other state.

175 [7.] 6. The said ballot is to be given to me personally mailed to me at
176 (bona fide mailing address)

177 Dated at ..., this day of 20...

178 (Signature of applicant)

179 Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 9-158e of the general statutes is
180 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
181 *January 1, 2003, and applicable to elections held after the State Elections*
182 *Enforcement Commission makes the certification required under section 14 of*
183 *this act*):

184 (a) Upon receipt of an application for a presidential ballot under
185 sections 9-158a to 9-158m, inclusive, as amended by this act, the clerk,
186 if satisfied that the application is proper and that the applicant is
187 qualified to vote under said sections, shall forthwith give or mail to the
188 applicant, as the case may be, a ballot for presidential and vice-
189 presidential electors for use at the election and instructions and
190 envelopes for its return. At such time the clerks shall also mail a

191 duplicate of the application to the appropriate official of [(1) the state
192 or the town in this state in which the applicant last resided in the case
193 of an applicant who is a resident, or (2)] the state [or the town in this
194 state] in which the applicant now resides. [in the case of an applicant
195 who is a former resident.]

196 Sec. 20. Section 9-158j of the general statutes is repealed and the
197 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2003, and*
198 *applicable to elections held after the State Elections Enforcement Commission*
199 *makes the certification required under section 14 of this act*):

200 Upon receipt of an application for a "Presidential Ballot" or
201 "Overseas Ballot" the town clerk shall forthwith notify the registrars of
202 voters of the applicant's name, with a notation designating [him] the
203 applicant as a person voting for presidential and vice-presidential
204 electors or federal offices only. If the name of a presidential voter [who
205 is a former resident] appears on the registry list, the registrars shall
206 insert the letters "pf" in the margin preceding [his] the voter's name.
207 The registrars shall prepare a list of names and addresses of
208 presidential voters and overseas electors whose names do not appear
209 on the registry list, for each voting district, which list shall accompany
210 the check list to be used at such election in such district. The registrars
211 shall insert the letters "pf" in the margin of such list of presidential
212 voters preceding the name of each applicant. [who is a former
213 resident.]

214 Sec. 21. Section 9-158k of the general statutes is repealed and the
215 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2003, and*
216 *applicable to elections held after the State Elections Enforcement Commission*
217 *makes the certification required under section 14 of this act*):

218 The municipal clerk shall file each duplicate application or other
219 official information received by [him] such clerk from another state, [or
220 from another town in this state,] indicating that a person who formerly
221 resided [or presently resides] in such town has made application to
222 vote at a presidential election in such other state, [or town,] and shall

223 maintain an alphabetical index of such information for a period of one
224 hundred eighty days after the election. The clerk shall compare each
225 such application or statement of information with applications made
226 under the provisions of sections 9-158a to 9-158m, inclusive, as
227 amended by this act, and, after the election, with the names checked
228 off as having voted on the check list for the election, to ascertain that
229 any such person has not voted more than once. Whenever the record
230 indicates that any person has applied for a presidential ballot and
231 indicated in [his] such person's application that [he] such person is
232 applying as a former resident, and there is record evidence that such
233 person has applied in another state [or town] as a new resident, the
234 applicant's ballot shall not be cast in [his] such person's former town of
235 residence."